

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-12173-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.07.2021

Lakhwinder Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioners-Lakhwinder Singh and 9 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for issuance of direction to official respondent Nos.1 to 5 to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.6/their junior and to decide the legal notice dated 19.02.2021 (Annexure P-8), along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents department, to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.6 (their junior).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for same/similar grievance the petitioners had served a legal notice upon respondents on 19.02.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2/Competent Authority, to consider the legal notice dated 19.02.2021 (Annexure P-8), and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of **06 months** from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

09.07.2021
Shruti

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*

Yes/No

2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No